

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for Meeting of April 13, 2010
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Donald Jones, Anne Perry, B. Taylor
Absent: T. Barrett, D. Strachan, A. Nemrow

C. Tukey, Town Planner

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:07PM

Minutes of March 16, 2010 approved as amended. Moved by A. Perry, seconded by B. Taylor.
Unanimous, D. Jones abstained.

Guest Speaker: Steve Walker of Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife gave a presentation discussing critical habitat areas in the state with a particular focus on the Harpswell area. Group talked about how to educate the public re the importance of protecting wildlife in Harpswell and discussed in detail the Otter Brook Corridor. Also discussed benefits of rural and cluster zoning and how it affects wildlife. He brought several maps that outlined state areas of endangered and critical species etc. Those were left behind for the Concom.

Old Business:

ME Natural Area Programs letter was brought forward by M. Nahf. The field survey letter of March 19 to the HHLT was discussed and ways to apply for two biologists to come to Harpswell this summer. Deadline is approaching and M. Nahf and C. Turkey will send reply later this week.

SOB discussed, numbers signed up now at over 150 Harpswell residents. Reviewed Paul Tukey presentation on lawn chemicals and pesticides used in gardens and lawns and how they work their way into the food and water chain. Need to keep the SOB momentum going.

New Business: B. Taylor mentioned two books he had purchased that he will lend to members and may be of interest. A. Perry mentioned the company Anaskimin which may be something we are interested in for the future.

Adjourned at 5:50pm
D. Jones, sec'y.